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SUBJECT: SUDAN-ROMANIA AGREEMENTS

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1. LED BY SUDAN FONMIN MANSOUR KHALED AND JOSEPH YANK,
MEMBER ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY POLITICAL BUREAU,
JOINT SUDAN-ROMANIA POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MET
HERE EARLIER THIS WEEK, AND THREE AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED.
KHALED DESCRIBED AGREEMENTS AS BEING CONCLUDED IN
ATMOSPHERE OF COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL
RESPECT. HE NOTED POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC
SIGNIFICANCE OF CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL
AGREEMENTS.

2. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PROTOCOL CALLS FOR
EXPANDED TRADE. TOTAL VALUE WILL BE US \$50 MILLION,
TWENTY PER CENT HIGHER THAN PREVIOUS PROTOCOL. SUDAN
WILL EXPORT \$12 MILLION WORTH COTTON, OIL SEEDS,
GUM ARABIC AND IRON ORE WHILE ROMANIA WILL PROVIDE
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BUILDING MATERIALS WORTH \$5 MILLION. TWO COUNTRIES
ALSO AGREED TO ROMANIAN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS INCLUDING
PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY HALL IN OMDURMAN (ALREADY UNDERWAY),
SPINNING FACTORY IN KHARTOUM NORTH, WOOD FABRICATION
PROJECT IN SOUTHERN SUDAN AND OTHER PROJECTS.
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3. COMMENT: YANK'S VISIT, JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
AND THREE AGREEMENTS WHICH, IF ANYTHING REFLECT EXPANSION
BILATERAL TIES, COME AT SAME MOMENT SOVIET ADVISORS
AND EMBASSY STAFF BEING EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY AND
SOVIET AMBASSADOR BEING RECALLED. IT ALSO OCCURRED
ON EVEN NIMEIRI'S VISIT TO CHINA. SUDANGOV CLEARLY
WISHES TO MAINTAIN AND EVEN INTENSIFY GOOD RELATIONS
WITH SELECTED COMMUNIST COUNTRIES DESPITE ITS PRESENTLY
VERY POOR RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. IN DOING SO
SUDANGOV EMPHASIZES QUOTE MUTUAL RESPECT UNQUOTE
WHICH IN THIS CONTEXT IS SHORTHAND FOR NON-INTERFERENCE
IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND ALMOST CERTAINLY IS MEANT TO
HIGHLIGHT MOSCOW'S ALLEGED LACK OF MUTUAL RESPECT.
MEANWHILE, WE WOULD GUESS BUCHAREST AND PEKING
HAVE THEIR OWN REASONS TO DISPLAY GOOD RELATIONS
WITH SUDANESE AT TIME THIS PROBABLY WILL ANNOY
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